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## On the cover:

**Airman 1st Class Dawn Duman, 39th Communications Squadron, buckles her seat belt before driving. Seat belts should be worn every time someone gets behind the wheel because even the shortest of trips can be hazardous. The lifetime odds that you will be seriously injured in a traffic accident are one in three, and one in 100 you will be killed. See related story, page 4. (Photo by Senior Airman Larry Reid Jr.)**

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. "Tip" Stinnette  
39th Air Base Wing commander

### Safety is a combat skill

All combat skills require constant training and practice. Failure to do so amounts to the deterioration of the skill and, ultimately, the loss of proficiency. Our monthly Airmen's Time initiative is a wedge toward retaining proficiency in some of the things we need to train on and practice less frequently than our core tasks.

In the flying business, a core task is taking-off and landing, and our pilots are required to accomplish a certain number of take-offs and landings in a month. If they fall short of the required number, then we fly them with an instructor to ensure proficiency.

In maintenance and across all our enlisted skill sets, we require advancement through skill-level training with instructors before certifying an individual combat-ready. However, there is one skill set that is universal to all specialties and is often only paid lip-service. Unfortunately, the cost of periodic vigilance and lack of constant training and practice in this skill set can often amount to catastrophic mission failure. The skill set is safety.

We must endeavor to treat safety as a cherished combat skill that requires training and practice every day and in everything we do, both on and off duty. Our training often stresses the importance of safety on duty and many of our tactics, techniques and procedures are written in the blood of the mistakes and failures of those who came before us. Checklist compliance is one way that we seek to institutionalize these lessons learned. However, too often the lessons of safety failures are only observed rather than learned ... especially when they occur off-duty.

As we become more creative in pursuing our off-duty interests, we often push the risk

envelope without thinking through risk mitigation measures. Rock climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, sky diving, triathlons and other cutting-edge sports and recreational endeavors add another dimension to safety and risk management.

We recently issued everyone Knock-It-Off cards and explained the concept behind the cards in the context of the work center. But when do we call Knock-It-Off outside the work center and how do we mitigate the associated risks of our off-duty interests? The Wingman concept is one way to meter and regulate off-duty hazards. We should never undertake a high-risk, off-duty interest without a Wingman who can help us think through the risks and determine ways to mitigate potential harm.

We recently had an Incirlik teammate break his ankle while rock climbing and another break his collar bone while mountain biking. Both individuals will be lost to their primary duties for a period of time while recovering from their injuries. This ultimately reduces our combat capability and diminishes us as a team. Some injuries are inevitable, even with careful risk mitigation, but we owe it to our teammates to "play it safe" and reduce that likelihood as much as possible.

We will continue to be plagued by sports and off-duty injuries until we develop a culture of risk management and safety awareness that saturates our every action, every day. Just like taking-off and landing an Air Force jet, we need to ensure we practice safety in all things we do, both on and off duty. Let us make the next 365 days our campaign to do just that!

### Click it or Ticket

In an effort to put increased emphasis on seatbelt usage, Incirlik implemented a 'Click it or Ticket' campaign.

The campaign is a security forces effort that gives people more of a reason to buckle up through the increased threat of a traffic ticket. Click it or Ticket checks are conducted at high-traffic intersections or parking lots to ensure all vehicle occupants are wearing seatbelts. Any American not wearing a seatbelt is issued an Armed Forces Traffic Ticket.



# Action Line

## Commander addressed trash theft, parking, reserving gym

### Parking

**Q:** When is anyone going to address the issue of lack of parking in the dorm areas? It is a daily battle to find adequate parking.

**A:** I am also concerned about the hazardous parking in other areas of the base. With the exception of the BX/Commissary parking lot, all other areas are notorious for their blind spots. Take the area near the library and the dining hall for example, I cannot count the times I have almost been rear-ended while trying to exit the parking spaces. The street is not wide enough to allow me to safely back up beyond the other parked cars and check for oncoming traffic, nor can I peer through the rear windows of other parked vehicles, as these are often paneled vehicles. Although I have become adept at defensive driving, and my fellow Incirlik drivers are typically very cautious, it only takes one person to force their right-of-way and cause a horrible accident. Is there a plan to address this potentially fatal issue?

**A:** We are taking a multi-pronged approach on this topic. We have asked the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron to review our base vehicle parking plan and the number of reserved spaces with an eye toward compliance and increasing the number of general population parking slots. We have also asked our Force Protection office to carefully review our standoff measures and to ensure we are as compliant as possible given the geography of the installation. I also energized our safety office to take a close look at the blind spots near the dorm trash-stands with a focus on converting the spots closest to the stands to motorcycle spots. Finally, we developed a long-range installation facilities plan that complies with standoff requirements while providing ample and convenient parking.

We recognize that our parking situation is inconvenient for some and presents a risk for others. The line that we walk on this topic must balance the risk of accidents with the realities of force protection measures and requirements. I am fairly confident we will not be able to make everyone happy, but we will strive to mitigate the risk of accidents while

balancing the need for force protection with a degree of parking convenience.

### Trash Theft

**Q:** I feel very uncomfortable knowing that Turkish gardeners, nannies and maids rifle through my outside trash and take whatever they want from it. Over the last two years I have seen various maids or nannies who I do not know wearing clothing that I know were mine that I have thrown away. It is not reasonable to expect me to confront a stranger if for example, I see her wearing something I trashed, so what can be done? I know they are not supposed to take anything off base, but they all manage it somehow.

**A:** We fully appreciate your discomfort. In fact, your concern for the privacy of your trash is one my wife and I had to consider back in the United States. My wife and I both cherish our privacy and are very careful with what we choose to throw away. We often contribute to charities, things that we no longer have a use for and that are in good repair. At Incirlik, the Thrift Shop is a viable alternative for getting rid of things that are in good repair.

### Reserving the gym

**Q:** I do not agree with squadrons being able to reserve the gym from 6 to 8 a.m. due to the fact that everyone is participating in mandatory PT. The basketball area is big enough for more than one group of people. I tried to file a complaint at the fitness center front desk, but they did not have any complaint forms. When I asked if the wing commander would receive my complaint, I was told that it would be up to the manager of the gym to decide its legitimacy.

**A:** Your idea for no reservations between those hours would probably result in a few more action lines and complaints. I am sorry you were told that comment would not get to me, and your action-line submission is entirely appropriate when something like this happens. I understand you can reserve a racquetball court or aerobics room for smaller units such as yours. Give it a try, and let us know if you run into any other problems.

## YOUR TURN

**What do you do when you see someone doing something unsafe?**

“Normally I bring it to their attention.”

— **Tech Sgt. Joe Bowers, 385th Air Expeditionary Group**



“It depends on what they are doing, but usually I approach them and say ‘I think what you’re doing is unsafe.’ I really think the ‘Knock if Off’



program is a great idea to keep people from doing unsafe things.”

— **Senior Airman Ryan Heckman, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron**

“If I see them I let them know what they’re doing is unsafe and why. If they give me any problems I tell them I’m a first sergeant and then tell them not to do it anymore.”



— **Senior Master Sgt. Scott Leach, 39th Security Forces Squadron**

“I’ll tell them it’s unsafe and that they might get hurt. If they’re active duty I may give them a verbal counseling. You should never take offense when a person tells you what you’re doing is unsafe, they’re just looking out for you.”



— **Lt. Col. Jonathan Portis, 39th Medical Group**

“I show them my ‘Knock it Off’ Card.”

— **2nd Lt. Kathryn Repsholdt, 39th Mission Support Squadron**



To submit a question for “Your Turn,” call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

# 'Seat belts save lives'

## 1:3 Lifetime odds of being seriously injured in a traffic accident

By Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Seat belts save lives.

It is safe to assume almost everybody has heard this and experts say that it is true, but yet there are still some who do not heed the warning.

The lifetime odds that you will be seriously injured in a traffic accident are one in three, and one in a 100 that you will be killed, according to the Public Safety Business Center at Fort Bragg, N.C. And it does not matter how well equipped a vehicle is if the passengers in that vehicle are not wearing seat belts.

"Just because you have a vehicle with air bags and side-curtain airbags doesn't mean you don't have to wear your seatbelt," said Tech. Sgt. David Zibbon, 39th Air Base Wing ground safety manager. "Air bags alone aren't going to protect you. Air bags come out with a lot of force and they are not as soft as a pillow, but they are softer than the steering wheel or the windshield. Seat belts are to be used in conjunction with air bags."

Another popular myth, according to Sergeant Zibbon, is wearing a seat belt will prevent a person from being able to exit a vehicle after an accident.

"The fact is being trapped in vehicle only accounts for one-tenth of one percent of all vehicle injuries," said Sergeant Zibbon.

The ground safety manager said that it is not just the driver of the vehicle that should be restrained, but all passengers.

"If there are four people in a vehicle (during an accident) and one

isn't wearing a seat belt, it's like putting a bowling ball in there," said Sergeant Zibbon. "Until the vehicle's kinetic energy comes to a complete stop their body will be flying around. Although three people in the car can be in compliance, the one that's not can still cause injury or death to the other occupants."

Seat belts should be worn every time someone gets behind the wheel because even the shortest of trips can be hazardous.

"People will think about putting on their seat belts when they know they'll be getting on the highway," said Maj. Randy Pharr, 39th ABW chief of safety. "They may not wear their seat belts on short trips. The most dangerous trip is the one to the grocery store. Going 30 miles per hour without a seat belt can kill you."

More Americans between the ages of one and 34 die as a result of a traffic accident than from any other cause, or any other mode of transportation.

"People don't think twice about buckling up on a plane and that plane won't taxi unless every one has a seat belt on," said Major Pharr. "Then why would you think twice about putting your seat belt on in a car — a place inherently more dangerous than a plane?"

"It should be automatic," added Sergeant Zibbon. "It should be to the point where you're putting the key in the ignition and reaching for your seat belt at the same time."

Even the most seasoned drivers can be hurt or killed in motor vehicle accidents, sometimes through no fault of their own.

"You may have been driving for years and have a lot of confidence in your driving abilities," said Major Pharr. "But how much confidence do you have in all the other drivers?"



Gen. Richard B. Myers inspects the troops at the Armed Forces Farewell Tribute to him here Sept. 30. General Myers retired after 40 years of service as the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

photo by Salli Sobsey

## Myers retires; Pace takes helm

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld hosted an armed forces farewell tribute and hail ceremony in honor of Gen. Richard B. Myers, the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, 16th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Sept. 30 at Fort Myer, Va. The ceremony concluded with a joint service pass in review and flyover.

General Myers completed more than 40 years in uniform. He was appointed the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Oct. 1, 2001, and reappointed to a second two-year term in 2003.

General Pace is the first Marine to hold the nation's highest military position. He has served as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff since Oct. 1, 2001. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Spradlin

Tech. Sgt. Graciela Martinez and Senior Airman Imad Mohammadi unfurl the 425th Air Base Group banner during a unit redesignation ceremony at Izmir, Turkey, Monday. The redesignated 425th ABG provides support to U.S., NATO and other Department of Defense personnel assigned to the Izmir area, as well as a detachment and operating locations in Ankara, Istanbul and Eskishehir, Turkey.

## 425 ABS deactivates, 425 ABG activates

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Amid numerous American and Turkish guests and in less than one hour, the 425th Air Base Squadron was redesignated the 425th Air Base Group and got its first boss in a ceremony Monday at the Bayrakli Park Complex.

Col. Lori Ramirez, former Director of Staff for the 7th Air Force at Osan Air Base, South Korea, assumed command of the group as Lt. Col. Jeffery Linskens, former 425th ABS commander, took over as one of her two deputy commanders.

"I am very glad to be here with you today," said Colonel Ramirez, a 1983 Air Force Academy graduate and two-time squadron commander. "And I look forward to working with you."

The squadron had been in operation since the 1950s and was charged with the mission of supporting U.S. military members of the Component Command Air Izmir. In April, United States Air Forces in Europe proposed the re-designation of the squadron into a group so it could take over the responsibility of other 39th Air Base Wing Geographically Separated Units throughout Turkey to include Eskishehir, Istanbul and Ankara. However, the 425th ABG will still be assigned under the 39th ABW. This will mean a larger workload on 425th ABG personnel not to mention the unit's responsibility in overseeing the \$1 million Cigli Air Base Loan Agreement between Turkey and the United States.

It is a challenge the unit is well prepared for, said Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing

commander and presiding officer over the ceremony. He commended the people of Izmir on their "superb" performance in the past year.

The 425th ABG, made up of approximately 125 personnel, keeps its current mission – providing medical, legal, logistics, communications, security forces, morale, services, financial and engineering support to NATO Combined Command Air Izmir and four tenant organizations – but now supports the three GSUs in this capacity as well.

The mission at Izmir is rather unique because not only are there personnel at the Bayrakli Park Complex but at General Akin Garrison in Sirinya as well. This is where the two deputy commanders will be of benefit as Colonel Linskens will be stationed out of the Bayrakli Complex while Lt. Col. Deanna Won will work out of the garrison offices.

"It is not that unusual," said Colonel Won. "There are other bases which have multiple deputies. This way, we can better accomplish the mission."

A unique factor about this redesignation/designation ceremony was the fact that it was held in the complex's new club which opened Monday as well. The unit has been through many changes in the past year – from returning to the wear of the uniform to renovating the park complex to house services facilities. The ceremony's reception was the first official function the new club held.

Colonel Ramirez said there is a significant mission here in Turkey. This combined U.S. and Turkish team is more than up to the challenge.

## IN THE NEWS

### Oktoberfest

A six-member ensemble from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band, Wings of Dixie, is scheduled to perform here from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday at Arkadas Park during Oktoberfest.

The group will perform for Team Incirlik members as part of a morale-boosting concert arranged by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander.

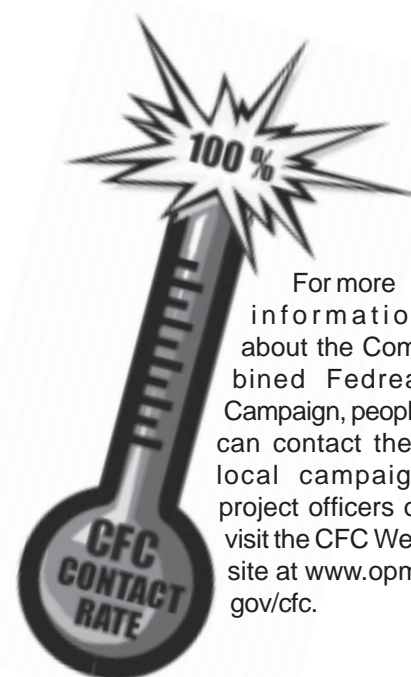
The Wings of Dixie celebrate the American tradition of dixieland jazz at every performance.

The music of this six-member group ranges from blue and cool to bright and brassy reflecting the sass and style of New Orleans, the Mississippi River port where jazz was born.

Showcasing this art form for more than a decade, the Wings of Dixie is the only group of its kind representing USAFE.

From the hot sounds of Bourbon Street Parade and South Rampart Street Parade to cool, mellow blues like St. James Infirmary and Basin Street Blues, the Wings of Dixie do it all in traditional style.

For more information, call their services squadron at 6-3108. (Information courtesy [http://www.usafe.af.mil/direct/band/Pages/Group%20Pages/WINGS\\_OF\\_DIXIE\\_04.htm](http://www.usafe.af.mil/direct/band/Pages/Group%20Pages/WINGS_OF_DIXIE_04.htm))



# Traveling

## Flying Space-A requires patience, flexibility

By 1st Lt. James Burnham

728th Air Mobility Squadron Passenger Services

Hundreds of military I.D. card holders take advantage of space available flights or "Space-A," here every month.

Whether they are headed for the states or over to Germany for cooler weather, they take advantage of this special military benefit that costs them less than \$30.

However, unlike commercial airline travel, flying Space-A requires patience and a lot of flexibility. In order to make the most of the experience, travelers should be familiar with some of the rules and procedures surrounding Space-A travel.

DoD has a specific set of guidelines when it comes to passenger travel on military flights. There is a distinct difference between officially-funded space required (Space-R) and Space-A, or unofficial travel.

When traveling in an official capacity like permanent change of station, temporary duty or contingency exercise deployments, passengers are considered Space-R, and will have seats booked through the passenger movement section of the traffic management office at the 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron. These seats are reserved for the passenger and they are issued a ticket for the corresponding flight, much like booking a commercial flight.

Space-A refers to seats aboard a military flight that have not been reserved for official travelers, or someone traveling on funded orders. The Air Mobility Command passenger terminal is allowed to open up the unreserved seats for Space-A travel.

Personnel eligible to travel Space-A are uniformed active duty members, retired uniformed service members, National Guard and Reserve, retired reservists entitled to retired pay, family members of uniformed service members and several other types of personnel as outlined in DoD 4515.13R, Passenger Travel Eligibility.

Once a passenger signs up for Space-A, they are placed into categories that determine their precedence. The Space-A categories are as follows:

### Category I:

- ♦ Emergency travel on round-trip basis in connection with serious illness, death or impending death of a member of the immediate family

### Category II:

- ♦ Sponsors on environmental morale leave and accompanied family members

- ♦ DoD Dependent School teachers and their accompanied family members in EML status during school year holiday, vacation periods or employer-approved training during recess periods

### Category III:

- ♦ Members of the uniformed services in an ordinary or reenlistment leave status and uniformed services patients on convalescent leave

- ♦ Immediate family members of the sponsor traveling on ordinary leave may accompany them in this category

- ♦ Military personnel traveling on permissive TDY orders for house-hunting. If purpose of house hunting is for PCS, member may be accompanied by one family member

- ♦ Dependents of uniformed service member deployed for over 120 days while assigned to permanent duty at a United States European



Photo by Capt. Jonathan Friedman

Staff Sgt. Mike Hannahs, quality assurance branch chief inspector with the 723rd Air Mobility Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, marshals in the first Patriot Express aircraft Oct 1. The chartered air service was transferred to Ramstein as part of the Rhein-Main Transition Program.

Command installation are authorized one round-trip travel authorization upgrade to category III from duty station to continental United States or within the EUCOM area of responsibility while the sponsor is deployed

### Category IV:

- ♦ Unaccompanied family members (18 years or older) traveling on EML orders. Family members under 18 must be accompanied by an adult family member who is traveling EML

- ♦ DoDDS teachers or family members (accompanied or unaccompanied) in an EML status year round

### Category V:

- ♦ Military personnel traveling on permissive TDY orders for other than house hunting.

- ♦ Command sponsored dependents (18 years or older) of uniformed service members traveling without the sponsor. Family members under 18 must be accompanied by an adult family member traveling in the same category

### Category VI:

- ♦ National Guard, Reserve components or members of the Ready Reserve and members of the Standby Reserve who are on the Active Status List

- ♦ Retired military members who are issued DD Form 2 and eligible to receive retired or retainer pay. Family members of retired military members are authorized to travel in this category only when traveling with their sponsor

Personnel planning on traveling during the upcoming months should know that dates and times for the Patriot Express have recently changed. The new route of travel for the inbound Patriot Express is Baltimore-Washington International Airport, D.C., to Ramstein AB, Germany, to Incirlik. The outbound flight is from Incirlik to Ramstein to BWI. For more information on passenger travel, call TMO passenger section at 6-6763 or the AMC passenger terminal at 6-6424 or 6-6425.

# Automobiles: leading cause of accidental injury-related deaths among children ages 4-5

By Amber Drake

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs intern

Most people have to wait at least 16 years before they own one. It is a convenience, and at times a necessity, for people to get around. It can also be a status symbol since it most likely requires a chunk of change to maintain it.

But it can also be unforgiving.

It is a vehicle and the leading cause of accidental injury-related deaths among children 4- to 5-years-old.

The majority of child-pedestrian deaths and injuries are automobile or traffic-related, according to Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury.

The number of child pedestrian deaths is four times higher on Halloween evening than on any other night of the year, and with the holiday rapidly approaching, an increased pedestrian awareness is key to keeping the Incirlik community safe this year.

"When your children are out this Halloween make sure they're visible in the dark," said Tech. Sgt. Andrew Jones, NCO in charge of ground safety. "Reflective strips or a flashlight can really help drivers see the little ones.

"If you're not going out with your children

remind them to walk on the sidewalks, use crosswalks and stay out of the street."

While the people out walking are responsible for their own safety, there are things drivers can do to avoid an accident with a pedestrian.

"If you have to go driving that night be extra careful in the housing areas," he said. "You may even want to drive slower than the speed limit just in case children do dart out into the street."

There are also a number of dangers when it comes to children getting on and off a school bus.

## Getting on the school bus

- ◆ When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

- ◆ Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.

- ◆ Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

- ◆ Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

## Getting off the school bus

- ◆ If it is necessary to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.

- ◆ Make sure the driver can see you.

- ◆ When it is safe, walk across the road and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

- ◆ Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

"The bus monitors and volunteers encourage children, parents, teachers and visitors to use the sidewalks and crosswalks before, during and after school," said Tamara Ward, Incirlik's lead bus monitor. "Be mindful of the rules of the road and look before crossing the street."

When dropping children off at school, the bus monitors urge the use of the drop off area. It enforces safety and order in getting children to school unharmed.

Children younger than the age of 4 also account for 80 percent of driveway-related pedestrian injuries, and child pedestrian injuries occur more often in residential areas and on local roads that are straight, paved and dry, according to Safe Kids Worldwide. This poses a threat to pedestrians on the base because Incirlik is mainly residential and has little to no curvy roads.

To prevent unnecessary accidents, teach children to look both ways before crossing streets, cross only at designated crossings and never dart out into traffic. (Some information for this story courtesy of [www.usa.safekids.org](http://www.usa.safekids.org))

## Bus safety

Rayenna Hernandez, who volunteers as a school bus monitor, helps children get on and off a bus safely Monday. There are a number of dangers when it comes to children getting on and off a school bus. School bus monitors and volunteers are an important part of the school's safety routine. If people do not ride the bus, bus monitors urge the use of the drop off area when dropping children off at school. This area enforces safety and order in getting children to school unharmed.



Photo by Senior Airman Larry Reid Jr.



# FSC assists Airmen throughout career

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson  
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With all the online and automated telephone services available in today's technologically advanced landscape, it seems to be increasingly rare to pick up the phone or go to an office and talk to an actual person.

Family support centers around the command prove that the human connection can never be replaced, however, said Gretchen Shannon, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Family Matters community readiness consultant.

"There's no comparison to having a person on site," said Ms. Shannon. "The FSC staff is a group of professionals that work long and hard and are concerned with the welfare of the Air Force family. The objective of the FSC is to provide services that help to remove personal and operational obstacles."

FSCs assist Airmen throughout the entire life cycle of their careers, she said.

"I like to think of 'FSC' as standing for 'Families,' 'Singles' and 'Community,'" said Ms. Shannon. "Because it is all-encompassing and the staffs are very involved (with the Airmen) from the beginning until the end of their tour."

From arriving at the airport and being met by an FSC-trained sponsor to transition assistance for separating or retiring Airmen, the FSC is there every step of the way, she said.

Some of the available FSC services include: sponsorship training, the loan locker, a resource center with computers for e-mailing, financial management, the Air Force Aid society, Heart Link spouse orienta-

tion, parenting skills, relationship enhancement, volunteer programs, relocation assistance, PCS preparation, deployment preparation, reunion and reintegration assistance and transition assistance.

"It's not a cookie-cutter approach because not everyone needs the same things, so the approach is tailored to the specific needs of the individual and the location," said Ms. Shannon. "The aim is to provide as much service as strategically as possible."

Ms. Shannon said that the way FSC staffs are doing business is transforming across the Air Force.

"Staff members are interacting directly with the units and taking the services to the members, as opposed to the members having to come to the FSC," she said. "In so doing, it cuts down on travel time, it makes the services more accessible and the unit members become more familiar with the services that are available. The FSC building will also be there, but for those individuals that can't make it over there, they won't miss out on the opportunity to get needed services."

Some of the services that are better provided in person are the volunteer program and spouse employment said Janie Illing, USAFE chief of family life education and spouse employment.

"It really takes the one-on-one conversation with the person, identifying skills, interests and abilities to make a good placement, as well as following up," said Ms. Illing.

Volunteer and employment programs could be solely handled by a website, she said, but wouldn't be as effective.

"With all the technology that's been introduced into human service professions today, I think people still want to talk to a person," said Dr. Thomas Appel-Schumacher, USAFE chief of family plans and programs.

## Visible to drivers

Capt. Katrina Stephens, 39th Mission Support Squadron, finishes strong during the 39th Air Base Wing officer run Sept. 22.

People in uniform must wear reflective accessories during periods of reduced visibility where separation of pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic is not feasible.

The new Air Force physical training uniform consists of running shorts, T-shirt and running suit, all with reflective safety markings. Reflective stripes on the front and back of the lightweight running coat and shorts help ensure runners are visible from any direction, the pants also feature reflective trimming.

Since the uniform has a significant amount of reflective material the U.S. Air Forces in Europe safety office found that it meets the intent of reflective accessories as stated in published guidance.

People working out in civilian gear should wear a reflective belt during hours of darkness when they are running where they are not separated from traffic. (*Information courtesy USAFE safety office.*)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dawn Duman



# Safety a combat skill, way of life

By Capt. Denise Burnham  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Disaster could strike at any time, a dormitory fire, plane crash or traffic accident. It's the job of the Incirlik safety office to minimize the chances of this happening through education, inspections and planning. The seven-man safety team works round-the-clock to keep all of Incirlik's 5,000 people safe.

Safety encompasses many different missions, all of which fall into three broad categories, flight safety, weapons safety and ground safety.

Safety is singular in focus, but it has many facets, and the first facet is flight safety.

Flight safety encompasses anything to do with in-flight emergencies, the airfield, any program involved with flight such as base operations, transient alert, the tower etc.

The team starts initial investigations with any flight-related mishaps here. Since Incirlik does not own the assigned aircraft, normally a safety investigation board team from another base comes in for more serious flight-related mishaps. But the 39th ABW safety office is always one of the first responders with any flight safety issue.

Once the flightline came alive with the new cargo hub mission the safety office became busier and more involved on the flightline.

"We work hand-in-hand with the 728th Air Mobility Squadron safety representative," said Master Sgt. Travis Wetzler, 39th ABW munitions safety manager. "They only have one safety professional assigned so we obviously support him the best we can."

If there is an aircraft incident, the 39th will respond with the initial response and preserve and protect any evidence. Whether it's a bird strike or in-flight emergency the team responds initially and keeps track of the statistics.

One mission that has been around for a long time is the munitions safety program which covers the base's explosive operations.

"Site planning is a very big initiative right now," said Sergeant Wetzler. "We are trying to get 200 site plans pushed through in the next six months."

Site planning involves plotting how many potential hazards are allocated to each building without causing danger to host nation, and residents of the base. Safety calculates every explosive on base and how far the potential reach could be. They map it out and

see if the areas interact with a building, road or place where people work.

The third mission of safety here is ground safety. This has the most people assigned with four on the team.

Ground safety is responsible for inspections, assessments, hazard abatement, mishap prevention and education and training.

Education and training covers everything from motorcycle training requirements, to seatbelts, reflective belts, supervisor safety training, and the 26-and-under safety program.

The safety office works with almost every agency on base at one time or another. If they are working seatbelt issues such as "Click It or Ticket" they work with security forces. If they are working personal safety then they are working with the units through unit safety monitors.

Ground safety is responsible for inspecting each building on base each year to include geographically separated units. The safety personnel conduct inspections, write reports and send them up the chain of command to include headquarters. Once the report is compiled they are monitored along with other bases in the command and the Air Force until all hazards of deficiencies are abated.

The team has seen several successes in the past few months. Prior to last October there were no motorcycle safety instructors, now there are five trained. Having trained individuals assigned here allows them to conduct motorcycle safety classes locally to ensure riders are following safe procedures, said Master Sgt. Garvin Dansby, 39th ABW ground safety manager.

In addition to their three main scopes they also work on special projects such as the bird aircraft strike hazard or "BASH" program and hazardous abatement.

The team has been able to abate some of the more hazardous conditions on base, such as repairing the door on hangar 4, building new barrier shacks away from the flightline and making improvements to the BASH program.

The safety office is also responsible for educating the base population during safety days and right before holidays.



Leadership by example is one of the important factors in personal safety according to the safety office. Safety is a responsibility both on and off duty.

"People come here with the TDY mindset, almost like they are away from home and on vacation and sometimes they think the rules don't apply," said Maj. Randy Pharr, 39 ABW, chief of safety. "It definitely takes involvement from the top down."

When there are significant incidents in the command COMUSAFE normally calls a safety stand-down day. When these days are called, often short-notice, the safety office has the responsibility of putting the day-long program together.

"Typically we know safety is something we like to highlight before a holiday weekend," said Major Pharr. "What we like to emphasize here is, a top down safety day instead of the old kind where we used to pull everyone into the theater and brief them ... Now the commanders have direct involvement."

"The troops get to interact more when safety briefings are conducted at the lower levels verses a mass setting," said Sergeant Dansby.

Local commanders are charged with getting involved by pre-reading the safety materials provided to them, and in-turn are responsible for briefing their troops. Now squadron commanders and first-line supervisors are charged with giving one-on-one safety feedback.

The team in safety say the job is rewarding because they know what they do each day has an impact on all assigned here. They put in a lot of effort and the scope is very big.

"In this job we know almost everybody on base and we impact their lives," said Sergeant Dansby. "Our success is highly dependent of everybody doing their part."

By educating everyone on the dangers around them both on- and off-duty the safety office hopes to prevent disasters that can strike in an unguarded moment.



## Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

If you see your maid or gardener stops eating and drinking or refuses to accept any food or drink during day time, don't get upset. That means they are fasting during the holy month of Ramadan.

Wednesday more than one billion of the world's population changed their way of doing things overnight. It will be the work of God. The Islamic month of fasting, called Ramadan. This is the month where Moslems commemorate the revelation of God's gift to humanity, the Holy Koran.

Ramadan is considered to be the Sultan of the Eleven Months since Prophet Mohammed started to receive the Holy Koran in this month. It's the month of great spiritual and material blessings that Moslems all over the world are looking forward to. The religion of Islam is based on five principles:

- ♦ *Belief in one God and Prophet Mohammed as his messenger;*
- ♦ *Prayer, five times daily;*
- ♦ *Giving alms to poor and needy people;*
- ♦ *Fasting during the holy month of Ramadan; and*
- ♦ *Pilgrimage to Mecca and other holy sites in Saudi Arabia at least once in a lifetime.*

Ramadan is the ninth month on the Islamic lunar calendar. The months on the lunar calendar begin and end with the sighting of the new moon.

Because of this, from year-to-year, Ramadan rotates throughout the four seasons and rotates throughout every month of the solar calendar.

Every Moslem should observe the fast of Ramadan. Children, pregnant women, sick people, travelers and soldiers at war are exempted from fasting. The fast starts daily from before sunrise to immediately after sunset.

During the daylight hours one is to abstain from food, drink and intimacy between husband and wife. After the sunset, Moslems are permitted to break the fast for the day.

However, one is not to over eat, over drink or over indulge in any self-gratifying activities as this can take away from the



Courtesy Photo

A few examples of Turkish dishes prepared for fast-breaking meals during Ramadan. Some of the foods include cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes, yogurt, various salads and fish.

spirit of the fast.

The Ramadan fast is not just a fast of physical food, or a fast for spiritual benefits, it's a fast for the benefit of the total person physically, spiritually and mentally. Moslems fast for God's pleasure. While fasting, Moslems are conscious of the need to appreciate and respect both man and outer world as a creation of the Almighty God. The fasting Moslems also get a better understanding for the needy ones who cannot find food to eat.

Things to avoid during the fast are the tendency to be spiritually idle or morally absentminded, and the lazy tendency to miss daily prayers with no acceptable excuse.

The time one would spend watching television, listening to music or playing sports should be spent in prayer, contemplation and religious study. Moslems should read one thirtieth of the Holy Koran each day so as to complete the reading over this 30 day fast period. The time spent in devotion to God will help keep one in tune with the spirit of the fast.

As guests, respecting the beliefs of our hosts, do not eat or drink anything in public or streets during fasting hours in the month of Ramadan. Smoking is also prohibited while fasting.

Ramadan ends Nov. 2 and the Moslem world observes a three-day Ramadan Festival starting Nov. 3 and running through Nov. 5.

Your Turkish co-workers, maids and gardeners might be fasting. As a result of that,

mainly in the afternoons, their sugar level might drop, they might become nervous, less conscious and weak and some might feel dizzy. For that reason, you should be more conscious about safety. Please pay more attention to the ones who operate machines and vehicles. Drivers on base and off base might be very nervous and drive more offensively. Right before fast breaking time in the evenings, everybody rushes and becomes especially impatient, so drive defensively. Keep those facts in mind and think of your own and the others' safety during Ramadan.

## In Turkish

**Oruc - fasting**  
(oh-rooch)

**Iftar - fast-breaking meal**  
(if-tahr)

**Sahur - morning meal**  
(sah-hoor)

**Cadir - tent**  
(chah-der)

*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail [mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil).*



# THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

## Turkish classes

Turkish culture and language classes are 5 to 7 p.m. today, Tuesday, Thursday and Oct. 18 and 20 at the family support center. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

## Bingo Night

The Incirlik Combined Spouses Club is hosting a Turkish Treasures Bingo Night 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the club. Events planned for the evening include, dinner, a speaker and bingo. Prizes include jewelry, scarves, copper and iron items, blankets, decorative items, towels, robes and much more. For more information, call Amy Catilina at 6-5432.

## Auto Skills

The Auto Skills Center is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The center is closed Sundays, Mondays and Turkish Holidays. For more information, call 6-6655.

## Found items

The 39th Medical Group Resource Management Office has items left by patients. To claim an item, go to the RMO window, located by the TRICARE Office, with a description of the item. Items are available for pick up from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Nov. 1. For more information, call 6-2159 or 6-2059.

## PTSA volunteers

The Parent Teacher Student Association needs volunteers for the 2005-2006 school year. For more information, call Nikki Flores at 6-6196.

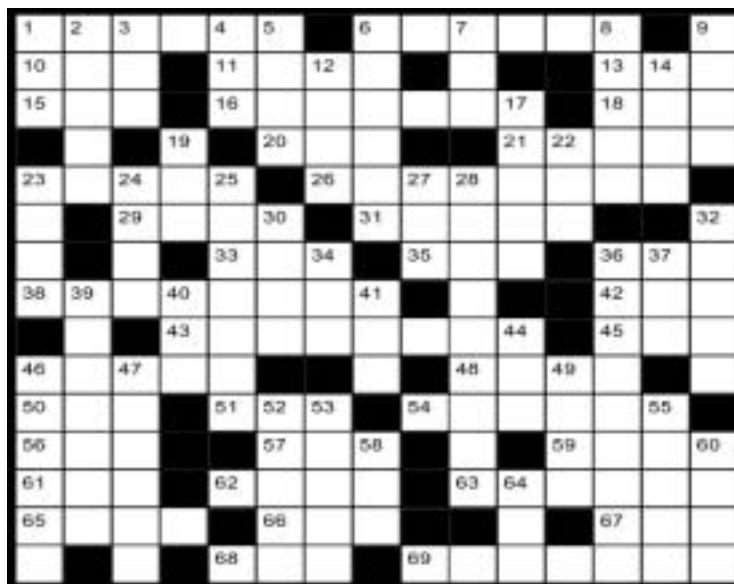
## Quilting

The quilting group meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Red Cross classroom in the family support center.

## Ultimate frisbee

Anyone interested in playing ultimate frisbee can contact Kelley Cunningham at 0536-818-1127 or e-mail [kelly.cunningham@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:kelly.cunningham@eu.dodea.edu).

## In the Pacific



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command  
Public Affairs

### ACROSS

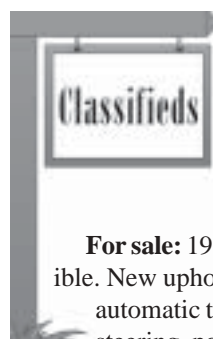
1. PACAF base in Japan
6. PACAF base in Korea
10. Mil. operation performed since 9/11
11. Continent within PACAF AOR
13. Internet provider, in short
15. Oklahoma town
16. Type of arrest?
18. USA opponent in Civil War
20. ALS, ABC, NCOA,

SOS, etc.

21. Glows
23. Plane flown by 3 WG at 28 DOWN
26. PACAF base in Guam
29. Entertainment presented between the acts of a show
31. 1939 Oscar winner *Over the Rainbow* composer
33. Period
35. Paramedic, in brief
36. Friend
38. Dispensable
42. Bullring cheer
43. Colorless liquid used in synthetic rubber
45. Lawn
46. John Wayne movie

48. Actress Moore
50. Simpson trial judge
51. USA foe 1954-1975
54. PACAF base in Japan
56. 102 to Caesar
57. Football stat
59. Competent
61. Ring results
62. Andy's boy in *Mayberry*
63. Leg bone
65. Again
66. Airport abbrev.
67. Decay
68. A Gershwin
69. PACAF station in Hawaii
- DOWN
1. Flightless bird

2. Country within PACAF AOR
3. Body of water
4. Mil. organization in WWII
5. Quickly!
6. PACAF base in Japan
7. Fed. organization concerned with arts
8. Mother-of-pearl
9. Sigh of woe
12. Cook expert who wrote *The Joy of Cooking*
14. PACAF base in Korea
17. Punctuation mark
19. Everything
22. Branch of DoD
23. Paradise
24. Absent
25. PACAF base in Alaska
27. Rapping doctor?
28. PACAF base in Alaska
30. Cookie
32. AFS in Alaska
34. Cleopatra killer
36. Chief political committee of a Communist party
37. Pub order
39. Sentiment
40. Effectuated
41. \_\_\_ Lanka
44. \_\_\_! *The Cat* cartoon
46. PACAF base in Hawaii
47. Thumps or clashes
49. Utah town
52. Nickname of plane flown by 35 FW at 1 ACROSS
53. Thomas accuser Hill
55. Permit
58. Afternoon drink to Tony Blair?
60. Dines
64. Sick



**For sale:** 1988 3201 BMW convertible. New upholstery and rag top. Has automatic transmission, power steering, power windows, power breaks and air conditioning. PCSing, must sell. For more information, call Bill at 6-6755 or 6-5928.

**For sale:** Five heavy traction tires with rims 215-80 R15. \$600 or best offer. A JVC 100w stereo system, 3 disc changer, has all audio and video connections. Some scratches but otherwise brand new. \$150 OBO. For more information, call Tylor at 6-5563.

**For sale:** Panasonic DVD Camcorder, model VDR-M30PP. In excellent condition with all wires, cables, instruction manuals,

**Wanted:** A baby crib is needed as soon as possible. Mattress is not necessary. For more information, call Blanca or Chris at 6-2135.

memory card and carrying case. \$150 OBO. For more information, call Eric at 6-5124.

**For sale:** Chest of drawers and nightstand, \$75; glass top table and chairs, \$30; bakers rack, \$20; recliner, \$40; end table, \$10; L-shaped desk, \$30. For more information, call Erica at 6-5144.

**Instructors needed:** The community center is looking for instructors for the following classes: Conversational English, Swing Dancing, Instrumental Instruments, International Cooking and Dog Obedience. For more information, call 6-6966 or 6-1032.

**Job available:** Part-time opening at clinic for medical records coordinator. Duties include retrieving, copying, scanning, and tracking medical records. Must have a high school degree or GED, experience as a medical records technician or in a medical clinic, organizational skills, attention to detail and ability to multitask. For more information, call Susan Bicknell at 6-8829.

# COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

## Project Wizard

The library is holding a **Cookbook Cookie Contest** 11 a.m. Tuesday. After judging library patrons are welcome to taste the entries. There are **volunteer opportunities** at the library. People can read stories to children or help the staff with the book, movie and music collections. For more information, call 6-6759.

## Combat Education

The Spouse's Tuition Assistance Program covers up to \$300 of tuition. Applications, due Oct. 14, are available at the education center. For more information, call Elizabeth Ober at 6-3211.

## Combat Fitness

There is a **sit-up and push-up contest** 9 a.m. Oct. 15 at the fitness center. The winner receives a free T-shirt. The fitness center offers **Pilates classes** at 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 6-6086.

## CSIP metrics

### Overall

*Goal* - First in U.S. Air Forces in Europe

*As of August* - Third in USAFE

### Combat Fitness

*Goal* - Decrease test delinquency rate to less than one percent.

*As of August* - Zero Percent (only base in USAFE)

*Goal* - At-risk rate (people scoring below 75 on the fitness test) of less than 4 percent

*As of August* - 5.6 percent

### Hidden Heroes

*Goal* - Match 50 percent of population to volunteer opportunities

*As of August* - 36.3 percent

### Project Wizard

*Goal* - Double USAFE goal of library programs per quarter

*Progress* - Library has more than five times the number of programs available last year

*As of August* - Library patronage increase of more than 132 percent and circulation increase of more than 137 percent



Photo by Senior Airman Larry Reid Jr.

## Back it up

Spotters are required to help drivers back up in government-owned vehicles. The 39th Air Base Wing Safety program grants every member of Team Incirlik the right to tell someone to "knock it off" if they are doing something unsafe.



### AT THE OASIS

#### Today

**7 p.m. – Sky High (PG)** – Starring Kurt Russell and Michael Angarano.

**9:15 p.m. – Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R)** – Starring Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin. (90 minutes)

#### Saturday

**5 p.m. – Sky High (PG)** – Starring Kurt Russell and Michael Angarano. (102 minutes)

**7:30 p.m. – The Wedding Crashers (R)** – Starring Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. (119 minutes)

#### Sunday

**7 p.m. – Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R)** – Starring Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin. (90 minutes)

#### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Must Love Dogs (PG-13)** – Starring Diane Lane and John Cusack. (98 minutes)

### AT THE M1

**The Wedding Crashers (R)** – Starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. (119 minutes)

**Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R)** – Starring Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin at 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (90 minutes)

**Cinderella Man (PG-13)** – Starring Russell Crowe and Renee Zellweger at 12:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. (144 minutes)

**Four Brothers (R)** – Starring Mark Wahlberg and Tyrese Gibson at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (111 minutes)

**Stealth (PG-13)** – Starring Josh Lucas and Jessica Biel at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (121 minutes)

**Godsend (PG-13)** – Starring Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos at 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (111 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of Tepe Cinemaxx. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.